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Dear Ms. Crose:

This is a final response to your 28 September 2018 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received in the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator on 11 October 2018, requesting **any documentation related to CIA technical project "MKCHICKWICK" related to research into mind-altering substances done in the 1960's/1970's**. We have assigned your request the reference number above. Please use this number when corresponding so that we can identify it easily.

With regard to behavioral research, the CIA had a program known as **MKULTRA** which involved the sponsoring of nearly 150 behavioral research projects. We already conducted exhaustive searches and reviews on the term "human behavior," including LSD testing, and located and released over 20,000 pages of documents on the general subject of human behavior studies.

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In addition, the Requester Report includes previously released records we retrieved under searches on **BLUEBIRD/ARTICHOKE** (project **BLUEBIRD** was renamed Project **ARTICHOKE** in August 1951). This program had to do with interrogation, including by the use of hypnosis, polygraph, and drugs.

The most concise and comprehensive document available on MKULTRA is a 172-page transcript of the CIA testimony at a joint hearing in 1977 before the Select Committee on Intelligence and the Subcommittee on Health and Scientific Research of the Committee on Human Resources of the United States Senate. This testimony includes all recallable aspects of the Agency's involvement in research in behavior control during the 1950s and 1960s and is a far more descriptive account of MKULTRA than the CIA documents themselves. This document is identified as MORI ID # 163357 on page 54 of the MKULTRA listing.

If you would like to order documents from the enclosed Requester Report, please clearly mark those you want and return the marked pages to us. Document copies are ten cents per page less the first 100 pages to which you are entitled free of charge. Because the page counts on the listing are not always accurate, please do not send payment in advance. We will bill you at the time we provide the documents you choose. At that time, we will ask you to make your check payable to the Treasurer of the United States. We will take the enclosed 86 pages into account when calculating copy cost.

In addition, the documents listed on the enclosed Requester Report were compiled on a DVD. The images on the DVD are viewable with any standard software package that supports TIF images. Because the "documents" on the discs are "image" files and not ASCII files, they are relatively large and require current technology for best performance access. The MKULTRA collection is available for \$10, compared to the nearly \$2,000 that we would charge to print the contents on paper. CIA requires that requesters pay for the DVD in advance of shipment. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of the DVD, please send me a check or money order for U.S. \$10, made payable to the **Treasurer of the United States**. Please cite reference number **F-2019-00079** to ensure proper credit to your account.

Sincerely,



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